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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-6 (canceled).

Claim 7 (currently amended): An electronic camera which is driven by a battery,

comprising:

an imaging device for imaging an object;

a selector for selecting anyone of a first mode for recording one scene of image signal

corresponding to an object image which is imaged by said imaging device and a second mode for

recording a plurality of scenes of image signals corresponding to the object images which are imaged

by said imaging device;

a recorder for recording to a recording medium the image signal(s) having the number of

scenes corresponding to the mode selected by said selector;

a displayer for displaying a real-time motion image corresponding to the object images which

are imaged by said imaging device during a time period that no recording process is performed by

said recorder;

a determiner for determining, at a timing that a recording instruction is issued, whether or not

a remaining amount of said battery is equal to or more than a threshold value corresponding to the

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mode selected by said selector out of a first threshold value corresponding to the first mode and a

second threshold value corresponding to the second mode; and

a controller for enabling said recorder when a determination result of said determiner is

affirmative and disabling said recorder when the determination result of said determiner is negative,

wherein said imaging device and said displayer are out of control of said controller.

Claim 8 (previously presented): An electronic camera according to claim 7, wherein the

first threshold value corresponds to a consumption power required for recording the one scene of

image signal, and the second threshold value corresponds to the consumption power required for

recording the plurality of scenes of image signals.

Claim 9 (previously presented): An electronic camera according to claim 7, wherein said

recorder includes a writer for writing to an internal memory the image signal corresponding to the

object image, and a transferor for transferring the image signal stored in said internal memory to said

recording medium.

Claim 10 (previously presented): An electronic camera according to claim 7, wherein the

second mode includes a first resolution mode for recording M (M: integer more than one) scenes of

the image signals each of which has a first resolution, and a second resolution mode for recording

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N (N: integer more than one and less than M) scenes of the image signals each of which has a second

resolution higher than the first resolution.

Claim 11 (previously presented): An electronic camera according to claim 10, wherein the

second threshold value has a common numerical value to the first resolution mode and the second

resolution mode.

Claim 12 (previously presented): An electronic camera according to claim 7, further

comprising an outputter for outputting a message indicative of not-recordable when the

determination result of said determiner is negative.

Claim 13 (new): An electronic camera according to claim 7, wherein said determiner

performs a determining operation at a timing that a recording instruction is issued.

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